

Criminal Justice, B.S.

Degree Offered

- Bachelor of Science

Nature of the Program

The Criminal Justice program is designed to provide a multidisciplinary understanding of crime and the criminal justice system, while increasing the student's ability to critically analyze issues associated with the field of criminal justice. The program prepares students for local, state, and federal law enforcement, corrections, courts, homeland security, investigation, and related careers. The program also offers an excellent background for those wishing to pursue graduate studies or law school. Among its notable features are courses in criminal law, law enforcement administration, criminal investigations, corrections, juvenile justice, research methodology, and a semester-long capstone practicum internship.

General Education Foundations

Please use this link to view a list of courses that meet each GEF requirement. (<http://registrar.wvu.edu/gef/>)

NOTE: Some major requirements will fulfill specific GEF requirements. Please see the curriculum requirements listed below for details on which GEFs you will need to select.

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Foundations		
F1 - Composition & Rhetoric		3-6
ENGL 101 & ENGL 102 or ENGL 103	Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research Accelerated Academic Writing	
F2A/F2B - Science & Technology		4-6
F3 - Math & Quantitative Reasoning		3-4
F4 - Society & Connections		3
F5 - Human Inquiry & the Past		3
F6 - The Arts & Creativity		3
F7 - Global Studies & Diversity		3
F8 - Focus (may be satisfied by completion of a minor, double major, or dual degree)		9
Total Hours		31-37

Please note that not all of the GEF courses are offered at all campuses. Students should consult with their advisor or academic department regarding the GEF course offerings available at their campus.

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
University Requirements		51
Program Requirements		24
Criminal Justice Major Requirements		45
Total Hours		120

University Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Foundations (GEF) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 (31-37 Credits)		
Outstanding GEF Requirements 1, 2, 5, 6, and 7		19
WVUE 191	First Year Seminar	1
General Electives		31
Total Hours		51

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (GEF 4)	3
Select one of the following:		3
POLS 102	Introduction to American Government (GEF 8)	
POLS 220	State and Local Government (GEF 8)	
MATH 124	Algebra with Applications (GEF 3)	3
ECON 225	Elementary Business and Economics Statistics (GEF 8)	3
SOC 311	Social Research Methods	3
WRIT 305	Technical Writing	3
HUMS 489	Practicum Capstone Internship	6
Total Hours		24

Criminal Justice Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
CJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 202	Principles of Criminal Law	3
CJ 320	Courts and Judicial Systems	3
CJ 324	Drugs, Crime and Society	3
CJ 455	Ethics/Criminal Justice System	3
CRIM 232	Criminology	3
CRIM 302	Deviant Behavior	3
HUMS 320	Public Administration	3
POLS 313	American Constitutional Law	3
Restricted Electives in CJ, CRIM or SOC (6 credits must be 300-400 level)		18
Total Hours		45

Suggested Plan of Study

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
CJ 101		3 ENGL 102 (GEF 1)	3
ENGL 101 (GEF 1)		3 SOC 101 (GEF 4)	3
WVUE 191		1 Select one of the following POLS courses:	3
MATH 124 (GEF 3)		3 POLS 102 (GEF 8)	
GEF 2 (A/B)		4 POLS 220 (GEF 8)	
General Elective		3 General Elective or 2nd F2A	3
		General Elective	3
		17	15

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
CJ 202		3 CRIM 232 (GEF 8)	3
WRIT 305		3 ECON 225 (GEF 8)	3
GEF 7 - Global Studies & Diversity		3 GEF 5 - Human Inquiry & the Past	3
Restricted Elective		3 Restricted Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	4
		15	16

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
CRIM 302		3 CJ 320	3
HUMS 320		3 CJ 324	3
SOC 311		3 Restricted Elective (300 or 400 level)	3

Restricted Elective	3 Restricted Elective	3
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
POLS 313		3 HUMS 489	6
CJ 455		3 General Elective	3
GEF 6 - Arts & Creativity		3 General Elective	3
Restricted Elective (300 or 400 level)		3	
General Elective		3	
		15	12

Total credit hours: 120

Areas of Emphasis Offered

- Corrections (p. 3)
- Law Enforcement (p. 3)

Corrections Area of Emphasis

Code	Title	Hours
CJ 233	Juvenile Justice	3
CJ 240	Correctional Counseling	3
CJ 316	Community Based Corrections	3
SOC 207	Social Problems in Contemporary America	3

Total Hours 12

Law Enforcement Area of Emphasis

Code	Title	Hours
CJ 233	Juvenile Justice	3
CJ 324	Drugs, Crime and Society	3
CJ 410	Criminal Investigations	3
POLS 400	Terrorism and National Security	3

Total Hours 12

Major Learning Outcomes**CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

The Criminal Justice program has the following learning outcomes:

- The student will be able to critically analyze decision points and outcome potentials at each stage of the criminal justice process.
- The student will be able to apply scientific methods to criminal justice research issues.
- The student will be able to effectively communicate in written and verbal form.
- The student will become culturally competent and know the importance of diversity within the criminal justice system and the community.